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CREMERE URBAN DISTRICT.

ANNUAL REPORT

of

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

For the Year ended 31st December, 1942.

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Public Health Officers.

Medical Officer of Health.

D.V.Fague, M.F., Ch.D., M.R.C.S., L.D.C.P., D.P.H.,

Sanitary Inspector.

H.R. Stamp, A.R. San.I.

To the Chairman and Councillors of the Crewkerne Urban District.
Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report for 1942, which has been a remarkably healthy year. There have been no epidemics and only a few cases of minor Infectious Diseases.

Diphtheria immunisation figures at the end of the year were:-

School Children - 89.5%

Children under School Age 60.0%

Five new cases of Tuberculosis were notified. There was one death.

Eleven condemned houses are still occupied, and there is still considerable overcrowding in many houses. It is hoped that building of new houses will not be long delayed.

The situation at the Eastern Outfall Sewage Works is unchanged, owing to refusal by the Ministry of Health to accept plans proposed. Negotiations are proceeding.

I thank you for your help and co-operation during the year.

Yours faithfully,

D.V. BAGUE.

SECTION A.

Extracts from Vital Statistics.

	Total	M. F.
Live Births - Legitimate	63	28. 25.
Illegitimate.	4	3. 1.
Still Births - Legitimate	4	1. 3.
Illegitimate.	-	- -
Deaths.	48.	31. 17.
Birth rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population		12.
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Total(Live and Still) Births.		83.
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated average population.		12.
Deaths from Puerperal Causes.	Deaths. Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	
No. of Puerperal Sepsis.	Nil	Nil.
No. of Other Puerperal Causes.		
<u>Death rate of Infants under One year of Age.</u>		
All infants per 1,000 Live Births.		30.
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births.		31.
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births.		Nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	9
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Nil.

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>N.</u>	<u>D.</u>
Influenza.	-	1.
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.	1.	-
Cancer.	6.	3.
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum.	1.	-
Intra-cranial vascular lesions.	2.	3.
Heart Disease.	10.	2.
Other Circulatory Disease.	-	1.
Tracheitis.	1	1
Pneumonia.	1	-
Other Res.Dis.	-	1.
Directiv Dis.	2	-
Nephritis.	2	-
Constitutional Malformation, Birth Inj. Infant Diseases.	1	1.
Violent Causes.	1.	-
All other causes.	3.	4.
	31.	17.

SECTION B.

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

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| 1. Medical Officer of Health. | } | No Change. |
| Sanitary Inspector | | |
| 2a. Laboratory Facilities | | No Change. |
| b. Ambulance Facilities. | | No Change. |
| c. Clinics. | | |
| d. Nursing. | | No Change. |
| e. Hospitals. | | The Speedwell Club Hostel was closed on Sept. 3rd. 1942. |

SECTION C.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

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| 1. Water Supply. | - | No Change. |
| 2. Drainage & Sewerage. | | |

No change. Proposed alterations to the Eastern Outfall works are under review.

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| 3. (I) Closet Accommodation. | - No Change. |
| (II) Public Cleansing | - No Change. |
| (III) Sanitary inspection of the Area. | |

Inspections for nuisances.	
Informal notices served.	NIL.

Drainage Tests and inspections.	New drainage work carried out during the year was tested and passed.
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Houses disinfected.	7 Houses were disinfected following cases of Infectious Diseases.
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Shops and Offices.	No action was taken during the year under the Shops Act, 1934.
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Smoke Abatement.

No cases of smoke nuisance were reported during the year.

4. Schools. - No Change.

Evacuees under the Government Scheme are accommodated at the Crewkerne Schools.

SECTION D.

No new houses have been built during the year. Evacuees have continued to return. There were approximately 89 evacuees in the Town at the end of the year. Eleven condemned houses are still temporarily in use.

Housing Inspections.

1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under P.H. or Housing Acts.) 52.
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. 60.
2. (a) Number of Dwelling Houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under H.Con. Reg.1925 and 1932. Nil.
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. Nil.
(c) Number of houses in which no action was found necessary. Nil.
3. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. One.
4. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. Nil.

Housing Action.

- (a) Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers. 1.
- (b) Number of houses demolished voluntarily or in consequence of informal action. Nil.

Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

Proceedings under Sections 9,10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936. Nil.

Proceedings under Public Health Acts. Nil.

Proceedings under Section 11, 13 and 26 of the Housing Act. 1936. Nil.

Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act,1936. Nil.

Housing Act, 1936. - Overcrowding.

There is still some unavoidable but highly undesirable overcrowding.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

() Milk Supply.

Number of Producers on the Register. 10.

Number of Distributors on the Register.
divided as follows:-

(1) Distributors only. 6.
(2) Distributors who are also producers. 3.

action taken with regard to inspection of farms and dairies, examination of samples for bacterial content and for tubercle bacilli, and the administration of the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 and the Milk (Special Designations) Orders, 1936 and 1938. Cowsheds and dairies are periodically inspected and samples for bacterial content and for tubercle bacilli taken for examination.

(b) Meat and other Foods -

Number of Slaughterhouses Licensed. 1.
" " " Registered. 3.

Slaughterhouses, shops, etc., are inspected and meat and other foods are examined and, where necessary, condemning notices are served.

(c) Adulteration etc.

Local action taken. Nil.

SECTION F.

Prevalance of and Control over Infectious Diseases.
Diphtheria Immunisation.

At the end of 1942 the following number of children were immunised.

	Total Number.	Number.	
<u>School Children attending School.</u>		<u>Immunised.</u>	
	426.	381.	89%.
Children under School Age and over 1 year.	213	127.	60%.

A considerable improvement.

<u>DISEASE.</u>	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Isolation Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	8.	7.	-
Whooping Cough.	3.	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	2.	1.	-

Cases of non-notifiable Infectious Disease admitted to South Petherton Isolation Hospital.

Tonsillitis. 1 Civilian.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases & Morality.

Total.	New Cases	5.	Deaths	1.
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